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## **Enteral Nutrition Products in CMSNET and SAR Tools**

It has come to the attention of CMS Branch that First Data Bank, the entity used by our fiscal intermediary (HP Enterprises) to input enteral nutrition products into the Medi-Cal billing system, has reclassified some enteral nutrition products by changing Smart-Key designations assigned to them. The CMSNET system utilizes Smart-Keys as a means to determine if an item appears in CMSNET. As a consequence, some enteral nutrition products with changed Smart Keys do not appear in CMSNET. They will require manual entry until fixed.

~~One such product is Elecare Junior Powder, product number 70074056586. This specialty infant formula is currently undergoing review through Medi-Cal's contract process but remains a Medi-Cal (including CCS) eligible product until the contract process is concluded. Until the code can be incorporated into CMSNET, the manual entry (or brand name over-ride) for the code will need to be performed by the county when authorizing the product.~~

CCS Counties should contact the Branch Pharmaceutical Consultant if a pharmacy provider requests ~~other~~ enteral nutrition products and the code does not appear in CMSNET. Do not assume that the enteral nutrition product is a non-benefit if it does not appear in CMSNET.

The CCS SAR Tools website lists links to several enteral nutrition product reference spreadsheets. These are time-limited in accuracy, as they must be manually updated to reflect new product additions and changes. As a reminder, these are reference tools only. If there is absence of a specific nutrition product/code on these lists, do not assume that the product should be denied. Provide the Branch Pharmaceutical Consultant with the product number in order to verify the availability of the product for authorization.

Absence of any enteral nutrition product from the lists should never be a basis to deny a request for authorization.

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs/cmsnet/Pages/SARTools.aspx>

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